

Parks Where Written Permission to Geocache is Not Required

<u>PARK NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>		<u>TAX MAP ID</u>
Alabama Drive	1100 Alabama Drive	Herndon	16-1
Armistead	8900 Arlington Boulevard	Fairfax	48-4
Ashford East	4300 Guinea Road	Fairfax	69-2
Backlick Run	5590 First Statesman Lane	Alexandria	81-1
Barcroft Knolls	3708 Chanel Road	Annandale	60-4
Baron Cameron School Site	11300 Baron Cameron Avenue	Reston	11-4
Belvedere	6554 Columbia Pike	Falls Church	60-4
Berman Gerber	5000A Pole Road	Alexandria	101-1
Borge Street	3030 Borge Street	Oakton	47-4
Brentwood	11903 Appling Valley Road	Fairfax	56-3
Briarcliff	2158 Silentree Road	Vienna	39-3
Brookfield	7417 Floyd Avenue	Springfield	80-3
Broyhill Crest	7128 Murray Lane	Annandale	60-3
Bruin	415 Van Buren Street	Herndon	16-2
Bryn Mawr	6700 Tennyson Drive	McLean	30-4
Byron Avenue	6500 Byron Avenue	Springfield	90-1
Chantilly	13373 Brookfield Court	Chantilly	45-1
Chapel Acres	7900 Giles Street	Springfield	98-1
Churchill Road	7098 Thrasher Place	McLean	21-3
Collingwood	8200 West Boulevard Drive	Alexandria	102-4
Devonshire	2826 Edgehill Ave	Falls Church	50-1
Edsall	6845 Edsall Road	Springfield	71-4
Fair Oaks	3901 Fair Ridge Drive	Fairfax	46-3
Farrington	2213 Farrington Avenue	Alexandria	83-1
Fisher	7620 Fisher Drive	Falls Church	39-2
Flag Run	7620 Elgar Street	Springfield	70-4
Foxvale	3104 Hunt Road	Oakton	36-4
Franconia Forest	6013 Bitternut Road	Alexandria	81-3
Franklin Farm	13590 Franklin Farm Road	Herndon	34-2
Franklin Glen	13395 Springhaven Drive	Fairfax	35-3
Franklin Oaks	2961 Franklin Oaks Drive	Herndon	25-4
Franklin Woods	1938 Birch Road	McLean	41-1
George Washington	8426 Old Mount Vernon Road	Alexandria	101-4
Greenbriar Commons	4300 Middle Ridge Dr	Fairfax	45-4
Greenfield	5349 Guinea Road	Fairfax	78-1
Griffith	2013 Griffith Road	Falls Church	40-1
Hickory Run School Site	Sheshue St	Great Falls	12-4
Hideaway	2900 Glenvale Drive	Fairfax	48-4
Hollin Meadows	7603 Elba Road	Alexandria	93-3
Hooes Road	7233 Hooes Road	Springfield	90-3
Hooes Road School Site	7336 Hooes Road	Springfield	90-1
Idylwood	7715 Virginia Lane	Falls Church	39-4
Jefferson Village	2932 East Tripps Run Rd.	Falls Church	50-4

Kendale Woods	3813 Kendale Road	Annandale	60-3
Kings Park	8717 Trafalgar Court	Springfield	70-3
Kingstowne	Old Telegraph Road	Alexandria	91-3
Lake Braddock School Site	9200 Burke Lake Road	Burke	78-2
Larchmont	3808 Larchmont DR	Annandale	60-3
Lee Landing	7603a Lee Landing Drive	Falls Church	49-2
Lemon Road	7210 Idylwood Road	Falls Church	40-1
Lisle	7744 Leesburg Pike	Falls Church	39-2
Lockmeade	1104 Riva Ridge Drive	Great Falls	12-1
Luria	7624 Holmes Run Drive	Falls Church	59-2
Lynbrook	6005 Augusta Drive	Springfield	80-4
McLean Knolls	1400 Balls Hill Road	McLean	30-1
Monticello Woods	6444 Northanna Drive	Springfield	80-4
Mounty Royal	7141 Idylwood Road	Falls Church	40-1
Mount Vernon Manor	8600 Mc Leannair Drive	Alexandria	110-1
Mount Vernon Woods	4014 Fielding Street	Alexandria	101-2
Munson Hill	6027 Munson Hill Road	Falls Church	61-2
Oakborough Square	2890 Oakborough Square	Oakton	47-2
Old Courthouse Spring Branch	Pine Valley Drive	Vienna	29-3
Old Dominion School Site	8211 Hunting Hill Lane	McLean	20-1
Pathfinder	1840 Olney Road	McLean	30-2
Pimmit Hills	2061 Arch Drive	Falls Church	40-1
Pimmit View	1905 Storm Drive	Falls Church	40-1
Pine Spring	7600 Willow Lane	Falls Church	49-4
Poburn Woods	6325 Wendy Ann Court	Fairfax Station	77-4
Raglan Road	8590 Raglan Road	Vienna	29-3
Rolling Wood Estates	5208a Marvell Lane	Fairfax	69-3
Silverbrook	9351 Silverbrook Road	Fairfax Station	97-4
Sleepy Hollow	3224 Sleepy Hollow Road	Falls Church	60-2
Spring Lane	3400 Carlyn Hill Drive	Falls Church	61-2
Springfield Forest	6400 Kalmia Street	Springfield	91-1
Stanton	910 Third Street	Herndon	10-4
Stratford Landing	2301 Stirrup Lane	Alexandria	102-3
Sully Woodlands Assemblage - Stephens	Braddock Road	Chantilly	43-1
Trailside	6000 Trailside Drive	Springfield	80-4
Tyler	7216 Rice Street	Falls Church	50-3
Tyson's Pimmit	2026 Burfoot Street	Falls Church	40-1
Tyson's Woods	8425 Overlook Street	Vienna	39-3
University	10200 Braddock Road	Fairfax	68-2
Vernon Heights	8225 Central Avenue	Alexandria	101-4
Villa Lee	2901 Hunter Road	Fairfax	48-4
Westlawn School Site	3200 Westley Road	Falls Church	50-4
Wilburdale	7245 Wilburdale Road	Annandale	71-3

Guidelines

As with any activity on parkland, the Park Authority reserves the right to place reasonable restrictions on the time, manner or place in which an activity is conducted. Although most park visitors value parkland and resources, there have been many instances where individuals left private property on parkland as part of illicit activities and there are frequently unauthorized uses on parkland that could pose a threat to public safety, or damage property and/or cultural or natural resources. For these reasons, the Park Authority needs to regulate all activities on parkland.

- Geocaches shall only be located in developed park areas that have existing uses, trails and established access points. Geocaches shall not be placed more than 25 feet away from a maintained trail or developed area in a park.
 - Developed areas may include parking lots, roadways, athletic fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, etc.
 - Established/Maintained trails are typically asphalt, concrete, or gravel and are usually maintained six to ten feet wide. Casual (beaten footpaths) or wildlife trails are not considered maintained trails.

The Park Authority is most concerned with trails that are not in the right place in the landscape -- e.g. go directly up a slope as opposed to across a slope, are on the banks of a stream as opposed to further away, trails that show obvious signs of flooding and abuse (e.g. a 4 foot trail that widens to 8 feet due to a wet spot isn't a good trail).

A general rule of thumb for defining an established trail is: Would a really determined geocacher be able to get a trail-use stroller to the site (and no cheating by lifting it up and walking over non-staired sections of the trail)? If the trail being considered meets this test, it meets the intent of the guideline.

The intent of this and other guidelines is to protect the park's natural and cultural resources. Trails are a disturbance in natural ecosystems. Any additional disturbance by going off trail can increase the dispersal of invasive plants, cause damage to underlying vegetation, and disturb wildlife. From the protection of cultural and natural resources perspective, the Park Authority generally does not authorize people to go off trail. Established trails within the parks are usually sited far enough away from sensitive resources in order to protect them -- going off trail encourages users to go into the sensitive resource areas.

- Geocaches shall be a minimum of 50' from private property.
- Geocache locations must be accessible from a safe and legal parking location whether that is along a public street or within a public parking area. If not readily

evident, cache owners should include recommended parking directions on their cache page.

- The movement of already downed leaves, twigs and pieces of bark to conceal geocaches is allowed. The Park Authority prohibits the movement of rocks to make a cairn, removing bark from a tree to use as camouflage, and/or relocating a living plant. It is prohibited to excavate soils, cut vegetation, move or remove archaeological or natural objects (including living plants, animals, minerals, fungi, archaeological artifacts or features, etc.). Human-made objects of non-archaeological significance (e.g. a plastic water bottle) are considered trash and may be removed without prior notice to (or permission from) the Park Authority.
- Geocaches shall not be attached to any living or non-living natural resources in such a way that there is any possible damage to the resource. Loosely attached containers that do not restrict growth or cause damage to the resource may be used. Any attachments such as string, twine, wire, or tie wraps that cinch tightly to the resource are prohibited.
- Geocaches shall not be attached to any man-made park amenities in such a manner as to damage the object or to impede its proper usage, the physical placement or attachment of caches to any buildings, sheds, regulatory signs or informational signs is prohibited. The use of data printed on the signs as offsets for coordinates is allowed. Alteration of the sign in any way is prohibited.
- Geocachers must abide by all Park Authority [rules](#), [regulations](#), and other restrictions. This specifically includes park access times. Unless posted otherwise, all Park Authority parks are open from Dawn to Dusk. Night Caching in Park Authority Parks is expressly forbidden. Cache Owners should include wording stating the acceptable caching hours, etc. in their cache pages.
- Caches shall only be placed in safe locations not unduly causing patron risk. Geocachers must review the topography of the location where the cache is to be placed and the potential safety risks to the patrons trying to find the cache.
- Geocachers must strive to cause no damage to the ground or vegetation that may result from cache searchers accessing the location. If damage is noted, the geocacher must contact the Park Authority for further information.
- As with all activities on parkland, the geocacher assumes some risk in undertaking their activity. The Park Authority is in no way responsible for any damage to or loss of caches or equipment that is caused by others. Park Authority reserves the right to have cache owners or Park Authority staff remove any non-compliant caches. The Park Authority will remove and dispose of all unauthorized caches if unable to contact the owner of the cache to remove it themselves.

- Caches placed on Park Authority land without written permission prior to March 2008 are subject to review and may be removed if they are found to be non-compliant with Park Authority Guidelines.

Geocaching Approval Process

The Park Authority grants blanket permission for the placement of geocaches within the Fairfax County Parks specifically listed here. Even though blanket permission is being granted, all geocaches must be placed in accordance with Park Authority **guidelines**. The placement of geocaches that are not in compliance with Park Authority guidelines are prohibited.

If a specific park is not listed above, geocache placement is prohibited in that park unless written permission has been given. One or more of the following reasons are why a park may not be listed as an approved site:

- Lack of developed areas within the park, to include the lack of established/maintained trails.
- Lack of available safe and legal parking in reasonably close proximity to the park.
- The presence of cultural and natural resources that precludes the use of the park for this type of activity.
- The park's proximity to a public school or public safety facility.
- The size of the park and the proximity of the surrounding residential properties precludes the use of a park for this activity.
- The general topography of the park makes it potentially unsafe for geocachers and/or use of the site for this type of activity is likely to lead to damage occurring to the ground or vegetation.